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SUBJECT: FINANCIAL PLAN FOR PURCHASE OF NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL

REF: NAIROBI 1671

1. SUMMARY. SITUATION AT NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL UNDER
PRESENT ADMINISTRATION IS DESPERATE. IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY
SCHOOL WILL COLLAPSE UNDER FINANCIAL STRAIN AND FACULTY
DEFLECTIONS PRIOR TO SCHOOL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1976 UNLESS
FINANCIAL PLAN PRESENTED IN THIS MESSAGE IS ACCEPTED AND
ACTED UPON BY ALL INTERESTED PARTIES, INCLUDING USG.
CLOSURE OF SCHOOL WILL MEAN 520 CHILDREN WITH POOR TO NO
PROSPECTS FOR SCHOOL PLACEMENT IN SEPTEMBER, INCLUDING
110 U.S. MISSION DEPENDENTS. THERE IS ALREADY SCRAMBLE FOR
FEW AVAILABLE SPOTS IN OTHER SCHOOLS. END SUMMARY.

2. ACTION REQUESTED. COMMITTEE MUST KNOW WHETHER USG CAN
PROVIDE DOLS 100,000 GRANT BY MARCH 31 DEADLINE TO
CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS DOLS 200,000 DOWN PAYMENT NECESSARY FOR
SITE AND BUILDINGS ACQUISITION. IF DEADLINE NOT MET WE FACE
RENEGOATIATION AND COLLAPSE OF CONFIDENCE BY PARENTS
AND FACULTY THAT WE CAN BUY SCHOOL. END ACTION

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REQUESTED.

CORPORATIONS REQUIRE TIME, AS WELL AS USG. CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION, THROUGH CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, HAS SUBMITTED REQUEST FOR DOLS 50,000 GRANT TO MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. MINISTER MUST NOW DECIDE WHETHER ORDER IN COUNCIL WILL GO FORWARD TO CABINET. UNFORTUNATELY, MOST RECENT READING BY CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION IS THAT AMOUNT AVAILABLE IMMEDIA)6.88#5 ?3.943)8(3 \$9LS 12,000; THOUGH ADDITIONAL GRANT WOULD COME

LATER AND PROBABLY VERY SOON.

6. COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED TO REQUIRE PAYMENT OF DOLS 250
ADVANCE TUITION FOR EACH CHILD BY END OF MARCH. THIS SHOULD
RAISE BETWEEN DOLS 75,000 AND DOLS 100,000 TO BE APPLIED
AGAINST DOWNPAYMENT. THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE ADVANCE
PAYMENT OF TUITION WILL AVOID REGISTRATION FEE TO BE ADDED
TO THE 1976-77 TUITION FOR ALL OTHER STUDENT APPLICANTS.
GIVEN REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVANCE TUITION AND CONTINUING
COMMITMENTS BY CORPORATIONS, IF USG CAN PROVIDE DOLS 100,000
BY END OF MARCH, WE ARE VIRTUALLY CERTAIN TO HAVE
DOLS 200,000 NECESSARY FOR DOWNPAYMENT BY MARCH 31. REMAINING
CAPITAL NEEDS WILL BE SUCH THAT, WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS,
THERE IS NO LIKELIHOOD PRIVATE CORPORATIONS WILL HOLD BACK
FROM COMMITTING FUNDS AFTER USG GRANT REVEALED.

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